

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for alerting vehicles to the presence of an emergency vehicle comprising steps of:

transmitting a signal which indicates the presence of an emergency vehicle to a plurality of vehicles;

receiving the signal in a vehicle traveling near an emergency vehicle; and

generating an alarm signal which indicates the presence of the emergency vehicle,

wherein the signal transmitted to the plurality of vehicles includes information concerning the location and/or direction of the emergency vehicle based on actual location information.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the alarm signal is comprised of a flashing light.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the alarm signal is comprised of a recorded message which indicates a location and/or direction of the emergency vehicle.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the alarm signal is comprised of an audible tone.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of receiving the signal is comprised of a step of receiving the signal with a receiver that receives FM radio signals.

6. (Currently Amended) The method for alerting vehicles to the presence of an emergency vehicle of claim 1, further comprising:

a step of selectively generating the alarm depending on a direction of the emergency vehicle.

~~A method for alerting vehicles to the presence of an emergency vehicle comprising steps of:~~

~~transmitting a signal which indicates the location of an emergency vehicle to a plurality of vehicles;~~

~~receiving the signal in a vehicle traveling near an emergency vehicle; and~~

~~generating an alarm signal which indicates the presence of the emergency vehicle.~~

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the alarm signal is comprised of a flashing light.

8. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the alarm signal is comprised of a recorded message.

9. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the alarm signal is comprised of an audible tone.

10. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the step of receiving the signal is comprised of a step of receiving the signal with a receiver that receives FM radio signals.

11. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the location information is comprised of GPS data.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~A- The method of claim 1 further comprising: for alerting vehicles to the presence of an emergency vehicle comprising steps of:~~
transmitting a signal which indicates the location and direction of an emergency vehicle to a plurality of vehicles[[:]]
~~receiving the signal in a vehicle traveling near an emergency vehicle; and~~
~~generating an alarm signal which indicates the presence of the emergency vehicle.~~

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the alarm signal is comprised of a flashing light.

14. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the alarm signal is comprised of a recorded message.

15. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the alarm signal is comprised of an audible tone.

16. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the step of receiving the signal is comprised of a step of receiving the signal with a receiver that receives FM radio signals.

17. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the location information is comprised of GPS data.

18. (Currently Amended) A system for alerting vehicles to the presence of an emergency vehicle comprising:

a means for transmitting a signal which indicates the presence of an emergency vehicle to a base system ~~plurality of vehicles~~;

a means for receiving the signal at the base system controlling and a plurality of stop lights to decrease traffic interference based on a direction of travel for the emergency vehicle.
~~in a vehicle traveling near an emergency vehicle; and~~

•
Appl. No. 09/774,385
Amdt. Dated July 19, 2004
•
Reply to Office Action of March 18, 2004

~~a means for generating an alarm signal which indicates the presence of the emergency
vehicle in the vehicle.~~

Claims 19 – 34. (Canceled) Please cancel Claims 19 through 34.